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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Chen-Wen Jiang

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some    \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 20061025, 20070213, 20070307.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 1/22/2007 has been entered.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
  2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
  3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
  4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.
3. Claims 1-5,7-13 and 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mitchell et al. (U.S. Patent Number 7,006,943) in view of Thomas et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,487,668).

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In regard to claims 1,4,5,7,10,12,13,15 and 18, Mitchell et al. disclose a method and apparatus for using an on-board temperature sensor on an integrated circuit or a microprocessor. Referring to Figs.1 and 4, the device comprises a microprocessor 101,401, temperature sensor 103 provided on-die thermal monitoring to measure the temperature of the die, temperature limit registers 105, compare logic 107 and cooling device 109 or fan 405. However, Mitchell et al. do not disclose variable fan control signal directly coupled to an external fan. Thomas et al. disclose fan controller 58 directly coupled to the fan 60 (Fig.9) in the same field of endeavor for the purpose of temperature control. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the apparatus of Mitchell et al. with an directly coupled fan in view of Thomas et al. so as to control the temperature.

In regard to claims 2,3,8,9,16 and 17, referring to Fig.9, Thomas et al. disclose a temperature-activated, variable-speed fan for temperature control the microprocessor. The temperature signal 6 is converted to digital form by the A/D converter 56 and then supplied to the fan controller 58. The fan controller 58 performs a pulse-width modulation operation on a supply voltage (Vcc) so as to control the speed of the fan 60.

In regard to claim 11, Thomas et al. disclose the temperature sensor is a thermocouple.

4. Claims 6,14,19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mitchell et al. (U.S. Patent Number 7,006,943) in view of Thomas et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,487,668) as applied to claim 1,7 and 15 above, and further in view of Hussain et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,172,611).

Mitchell et al./Thomas et al. disclose the invention substantially as claimed. However, Mitchell et al./ Thomas et al. do not disclose external temperature sensor in the system. Hussain

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et al. disclose external temperature sensor in the same field of endeavor for the purpose of providing information of external temperature (col.4, lines 18-27). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the apparatus of Mitchell et al./ Thomas et al. with an external temperature sensor in view of Hussain et al. so as to supply environmental temperature.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chen-Wen Jiang whose telephone number is (571) 272-4809.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00 to 6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl Tyler can be reached on (571) 272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner

